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Secretary Abraham:

A decision on Yucca Mountain must be based on sound science. DOE has spent the better part of two decades and \$7 Billion studying Yucca Mountain. These studies have yielded the scientific information necessary for a decision to be made this year.

Public health and safety standards for Yucca Mountain must be based on sound science. Controversy over standards that lack scientific basis, as proposed under the previous administration, should not be permitted to stand in the way of a decision.

I urge you to make used nuclear fuel disposal one of your highest priorities.

Sincerely,

Sharon Thome